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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out grant programs to encourage student participation in local government and volunteer service, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. KIM of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Service Starts At  
5       Home Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO SUPPORT INTERNSHIPS IN LOCAL GOV-**  
2 **ERNMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education  
5 shall carry out a program under which the Secretary  
6 makes allocations to States, in accordance with subsection  
7 (b), to support paid internships for secondary school stu-  
8 dents within local government agencies.

9 (b) ALLOCATIONS TO STATES.—Of the amount ap-  
10 propriated to carry out this section for each fiscal year,  
11 each State that has an application approved by the Sec-  
12 retary under subsection (c) shall be allocated an amount  
13 in proportion to number of students enrolled in the public  
14 elementary and secondary schools in the State for the pre-  
15 vious school year relative to the total number of students  
16 enrolled in the public elementary and secondary schools  
17 for such school year in every State that has an application  
18 approved by the Secretary under such subsection.

19 (c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive an alloca-  
20 tion under subsection (b) a State shall submit an applica-  
21 tion to the Secretary of Education at such time, in such  
22 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary  
23 may require.

24 (d) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.—  
25 Each State that receives an allocation under subsection

1 (b) shall use such allocation to carry out a program under  
2 which the State—

3 (1) in consultation with local government offi-  
4 cials—

5 (A) identifies appropriate paid internship  
6 opportunities for secondary school students  
7 within local government agencies;

8 (B) establishes a process for the selection  
9 of students to fill such internships; and

10 (C) determines hourly rates of pay and  
11 other terms and conditions applicable to such  
12 internships; and

13 (2) provides funds to local government agencies  
14 to reimburse such agencies for costs incurred in pro-  
15 viding such internships.

16 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
18 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 and each succeeding fis-  
19 cal year.

20 **SEC. 3. SCHOLARSHIP FOR SERVICE PROGRAM.**

21 (a) FUNDING FOR STATES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
24 Education shall carry out a program under which  
25 the Secretary makes allocations to States, in accord-

1       ance with paragraph (2), to carry out the scholar-  
2       ship program under subsection (b).

3           (2) ALLOCATIONS TO STATES.—Of the amount  
4       appropriated to carry out this section for each fiscal  
5       year, each State that has an application approved by  
6       the Secretary under paragraph (3) shall be allocated  
7       an amount in proportion to number of students en-  
8       rolled in the public elementary and secondary  
9       schools in the State for the previous school year rel-  
10      ative to the total number of students enrolled in the  
11      public elementary and secondary schools for such  
12      school year in every State that has an application  
13      approved by the Secretary under such paragraph.

14          (3) STATE APPLICATION.—To be eligible to re-  
15      ceive an allocation under paragraph (2) a State shall  
16      submit an application to the Secretary of Education  
17      at such time, in such manner, and containing such  
18      information as the Secretary may require.

19      (b) STATE ADMINISTERED SCHOLARSHIP PRO-  
20      GRAM.—

21          (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State that receives an  
22      allocation under subsection (a) shall use such alloca-  
23      tion to carry out a program under which the State  
24      awards scholarships, on a competitive basis, to eligi-

1       ble students who demonstrate a commitment to vol-  
2       unteer service work.

3           (2) APPLICATION.—A student who seeks a  
4       scholarship under this subsection shall submit an ap-  
5       plication to the State at such time, in such manner,  
6       and containing such information as the State may  
7       require.

8           (3) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to  
9       receive a scholarship under this subsection a student  
10      shall meet the following criteria:

11           (A) FIRST-TIME APPLICANT.—In the case  
12      of a first-time applicant for a scholarship under  
13      this subsection, the student shall—

14           (i) be enrolled in public secondary  
15      school;

16           (ii) be in the final year of a program  
17      of study leading to a regular high school  
18      diploma; and

19           (iii) have completed at least 100 hours  
20      of volunteer service work in the preceding  
21      school year (or another one-year period de-  
22      termined by the Secretary of Education).

23           (B) RENEWAL APPLICANT.—In the case of  
24      a student who previously received a scholarship  
25      under this subsection and who is seeking a

1 scholarship for a subsequent academic year, the  
2 student shall—

3 (i) be enrolled in an institution of  
4 higher education;

5 (ii) be in good academic standing (as  
6 determined by the institution); and

7 (iii) have completed at least 100 hours  
8 of volunteer service work in the preceding  
9 school year (or another one-year period de-  
10 termined by the Secretary of Education).

11 (4) PRIORITY.—In awarding scholarships under  
12 this subsection, a State shall—

13 (A) first award scholarships to renewal ap-  
14 plicants described in paragraph (3)(B); and

15 (B) from any funds remaining after award-  
16 ing such scholarships, award scholarships to  
17 first-time applicants described in paragraph  
18 (3)(A).

19 (5) USE OF FUNDS.—A scholarship received by  
20 a student under this subsection may be used by such  
21 student only to pay the student's costs of attendance  
22 at an institution of higher education.

23 (6) DURATION.—Each scholarship under this  
24 subsection shall be awarded for a period of one aca-  
25 demic year. A student may receive a scholarship

1 under this subsection for a total period of not more  
2 than four academic years.

3 (7) AMOUNT.—The amount of each scholarship  
4 under this subsection shall be—

5 (A) \$1000, for a student who completed at  
6 least 100 hours, but less than 175 hours, of vol-  
7 unteer service work in the preceding school year  
8 (or another one-year period determined by the  
9 Secretary of Education);

10 (B) \$2000, for a student who completed at  
11 least 175 hours, but less than 250 hours, of vol-  
12 unteer service work in such period; and

13 (C) \$3000, for a student who completed at  
14 least 250 hours of volunteer service work in  
15 such period.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
18 \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 and each succeeding  
19 fiscal year.

20 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) The term “cost of attendance” has the  
23 meaning given that term in section 472 of the High-  
24 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ll).

1           (2) The terms “elementary school”, “regular  
2           high school diploma”, “secondary school”, and  
3           “State” have the meanings given those terms in sec-  
4           tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
5           cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

6           (3) The term “institution of higher education”  
7           has the meaning given that term in section 101 of  
8           the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
9           1001).

10          (4)(A) The term “volunteer service work”  
11          means unpaid acts of volunteer service conducted for  
12          or on behalf of a government or other nonprofit or-  
13          ganization, which may include a community-based  
14          organization, faith-based organization, school, na-  
15          tional service program, civic or fraternal service or-  
16          ganization, local government agency, or other such  
17          organization.

18          (B) Such term does not include acts of proselyt-  
19          izing, conducting worship services, religious instruc-  
20          tion, political lobbying, court ordered service, or  
21          service conducted primarily for the benefit of the  
22          family of a student described in section 3(c).